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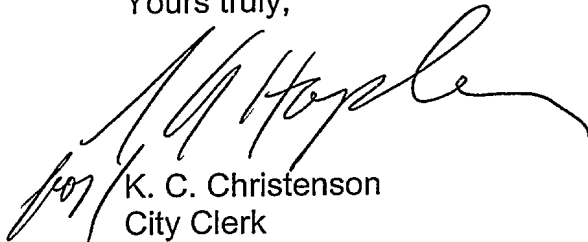
The Ontario Heritage Foundation  
10 Adelaide Street East  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: Heritage Designation**  
**111-113 Hughson Street North, Hamilton**

Attached please find Notice of Intention to Designate and Reasons for Designation.  
The Intention to Designate will be published in the Spectator on August 20, 2004.

Yours truly,

  
K. C. Christenson  
City Clerk

KCC/sr  
Att.

c.c. Nancy Smith, Assistant Corporate Counsel  
David Cuming, Senior Heritage Planner, Planning & Development Department  
Alexandra Rawlings, Co-ordinator, Planning and Economic Development  
Committee



**CITY OF HAMILTON**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

**111-113 Hughson Street North, City of Hamilton**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT** and the property in the City of Hamilton known municipally as 111-113 Hughson Street North.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Hamilton intends to designate this property as being a property of cultural heritage value. The 1924 auditorium that forms part of the Tivoli Theatre complex retains its cultural heritage value and interest in the intact architectural features of the auditorium including the proscenium, the ceiling with its elliptical design, the decorative cornice and frieze below, and along each side wall: a colonnade comprising five round arches sprung from coupled pilasters. The two arches on either side of the stage still contain the original bronze statues of Caesar Augustus and the goddess Minerva. At the base of each of the other eight arches are medallions depicting the four seasons.

The complete Reasons for Designation may be viewed in the Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 71 Main Street West, during regular business hours.

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice, serve written notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at Hamilton, this 20th day of August, 2004.

K. Christenson  
City Clerk  
Hamilton, Ontario

**REASONS FOR DESIGNATION**  
**Tivoli Theatre Auditorium**  
111-113 Hughson Street North, Hamilton

Built in 1875 as a carriage factory for J.P. Pronguey, the Tivoli Theatre complex at 108-112 James Street North has served primarily as a theatre since 1908. In 1924, the complex was substantially enlarged by an auditorium added to the rear at 111-113 Hughson Street North, to accommodate the enlarged Tivoli Theatre, the name by which the complex has since been known.

Historical Significance

The Tivoli, a vaudeville theatre and motion picture house, was the first theatre to introduce sound movies in the late 1920s. Of the numerous theatres built in Hamilton during the early 20th century, the Tivoli counted among the seven largest and grandest, the most resplendent of which were the Capitol and the Palace. All but the Lyric (now the Century) and the Tivoli have been demolished; and of these two only the Tivoli has retained any part of its original interior decor.

Architectural Significance

Interior:

The Tivoli Theatre was greatly admired for its sumptuously decorated "Italian Renaissance" interior, designed by Toronto architect, B. Kingston Hall. While a significant proportion of the original decor was removed or covered in the course of renovations undertaken in 1943, 1947 and 1954 (when the most extensive remodelling occurred), the main architectural features of the auditorium are still largely intact. These include the proscenium, the ceiling with its elliptical design, the decorative cornice and frieze below, and along each side wall: a colonnade comprising five round arches sprung from coupled pilasters. The two arches on either side of the stage still contain the original bronze statues of Caesar Augustus and the goddess Minerva. At the base of each of the other eight arches are medallions depicting the four seasons.

Designated Features

Important to the preservation of the Tivoli Theatre are the original architectural features of the auditorium, including the ceilings, proscenium, colonnades, statuary, and other decorative wall elements. Excluded from designation are the more recent additions, such as the floor covering, seating and stage curtain.

**TIVOLI THEATRE**

**111 HUGHSON STREET NORTH, HAMILTON**

part of Lot 2, west side of Hughson Street between Gore and Cannon Streets, James Hughson Survey, being Parts 4 and 5, on Plan 62R-10419; City of Hamilton

subject to a right of way over Part 5, on Plan 62R-10419, and together with a right of way over part of Lot 3, west side of Hughson Street between Gore and Cannon Streets, James Hughson Survey, being Part 3 on Plan 62R-10419.

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